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PRICE STABILITY AT PARITY LEVEL FARMERS' AIM

CFA CONVENTION SEEKS BALANCE IN PURCHASING POWER

**Calls for "Very Substantial"
Further Payment re
5-Year Pool**

FREIGHT RATES PROTEST

**Price Controls Must Be Across
Board, "Not Levied First
Against Foodstuffs"**

Major economic problems confronting the producers of farm products in Canada were dealt with during the two days' public sessions of the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Calgary last week, and in meetings of the Board of Directors before and after these sessions. Resolutions adopted, endorsed by the Board, constitute a program of action for the coming year designed to bring stability to agriculture through the maintenance of price levels based upon the principle of equality with other elements in the economic life of Canada.

Efficient Organization

The Convention attracted wide attention. Efficient organization and direction made it possible to combine free discussion with prompt despatch of business.

The Convention urged the Federal Government to "govern its future economic policy by a more practical recognition of the need for the maintenance of a parity price system for agricultural products, so that the purchasing power of farmers may remain in balance with that of other groups in the national economy." Its recommendations in a multitude of fields were focussed upon the realization of this aim.

Controls Across the Board

The delegates called upon the Government of Canada, if anti-inflationary measures should be taken including price controls, to provide that these controls shall "not first be levied against foodstuffs," but "go into effect simultaneously with wage controls and industry profit controls, and that any controls on footstuffs be imposed in a proper relationship with costs of production."

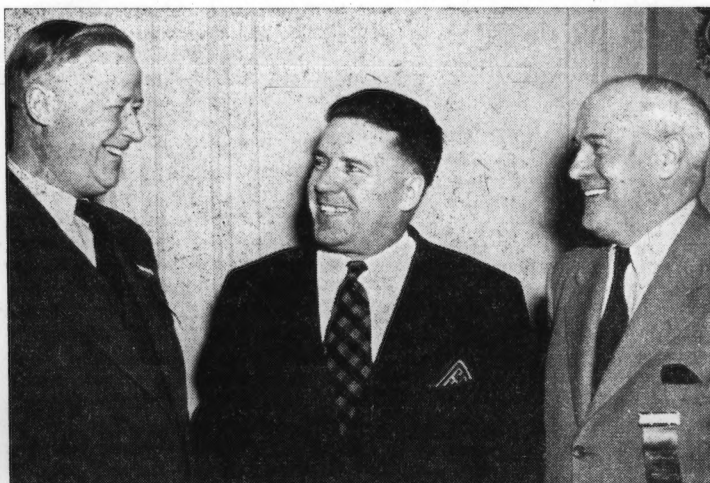
Freight Rate Increases

Efforts made by Provincial Governments, Western farm organizations and the Board and officers of the CFA to defend agriculture against the large increases in freight rates which have been authorized by the Transport Commissioners were praised, and the continuation of these efforts was urged, especially to "prevent the possibility of further increases until after the report of the Royal Commission on Transportation has been placed before Parliament." The "strangling effect of the oppressive freight rates upon the production and distribution of Canada's farm commodities" was stressed.

In a strongly worded resolution, the Convention made a special protest against the course followed by the

Livestock Declines Relatively to Human Population

Three Executives at Calgary Convention



Photographed during the sessions of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in the Palliser Hotel last week, three of the chief executives of the national farm organization are seen above. Left to right, they are W. J. Parker, Winnipeg, President of Manitoba Pool Elevators and re-elected Vice-President of the CFA; Dr. H. H. Hannam, Ottawa, President of the CFA since 1940 and (for second term) of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers; and Colin G. Groff, Ottawa, Secretary-Treasurer of the CFA. Mr. Groff is a former Albertan. Re-elected Second Vice-President was J. A. Marion, President l'Union Catholique des Cultivateurs, Montreal. Alberta Directors are Roy Marler, Bremner; Ben Plumer, Calgary; and Karl Kapler, Strome.

Review Big Investment Plan for S.E. Asia

LONDON, Eng. — To review progress and to consider further action on the Colombo Plan, which envisages investment of £1,868 millions in economic development in South-East Asia in the next six years, another meeting of the Commonwealth Committee will be held at Colombo on February 12th. The U.S. has been invited to send representatives.

Board of Transport Commissioners in "allowing the railways to raise freight rates on livestock to relatively higher levels than other freight rates, without requiring the railways to answer the arguments of the producers." It was pointed out that "the producers provided extensive evidence that the rates which had been in force for 30 years were in fact compensatory rates for the railways, and as such could not be called unreasonable; the railways in their cross-examination did not succeed in breaking down this argument."

Should Not Leave Suspicion

In spite of this, the resolution declared, "the Board did not proceed with the hearings nor require the railways to answer it," and concluded: "We respectfully point out that the Board is charged with duties which seriously affect the welfare of great sections of the Canadian economy, and it should avoid any course of procedure which may leave the suspicion that arguments presented by any group have not received the consideration they deserve."

CONCERN CAUSED— DROP IS HEAVY AS COMPARED TO 1900

**Further Payments on Grains
Will Add About \$69,000,000
to Returns**

FOOD TRADE REORIENTED

**Except in Wheat — Unlikely
Agricultural Products Act
Will Be Renewed**

By M. McDOUGALL, Press Gallery
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Jan. 30. — Some regret and concern is being expressed in Eastern Canada, and indeed in Western Canada as well, over the decline of the livestock population in relation to human population in this country. As stated a short time ago in Winnipeg, while in 1900 there were 1,038 head of cattle for every 1,000 people, the relative figure for 1950 was 650 for every 1,000 humans. It is obviously not a satisfactory situation.

The increase in the initial payments to be made by the Wheat Board, effective February 1st, on wheat, oats and barley and affecting all deliveries of these grains since the beginning of the present crop year, August 1st, 1950, will, of course, be a definite benefit to Western producers.

Total of New Payments

The additional initial adjustment payments on these grains on deliveries that will have been made between August 1st, 1950, and January 31st, 1951, will amount, it is estimated, to nearly \$69,000,000. That means, of course, this amount of cash in hand, instead of having to wait for later payments by the Board. It has been the amount of grain sold, as well as the market outlook, that has warranted the higher initial payments, Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, has explained.

The new initial payment, which for wheat is \$1.60 a bushel, based Number One Northern in store at either of the two lake ports, Port Arthur or Fort William, or Vancouver, is an increase of 20 cents. The new payment for oats (basis Number Two Canada Western oats) is 75 cents, an increase of 10 cents a bushel, and for barley (basis 3 Canada Western 6-row barley) is \$1.13, an increase of 20 cents. In the case of both oats and barley, the basis is in store Port Arthur or Fort William.

Begin About March 1st

The new scale of initial payments will mean during the crop year an additional payment of only slightly under \$100,000,000 on the amount that would have been received under the previous scale. For the first six months, the estimate is \$51,400,000 additional for wheat, \$5,900,000 for oats and \$11,600,000 for barley, and for the last six months when, of course, deliveries will be much lower, the additional (Continued on Page 8)

New General Manager

W. H. Hoppins has been appointed General Manager of the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Ltd. in succession to Mr. Priestley, who has retired. For some years Mr. Hoppins has been assistant general manager.

Sask. Federated Co-ops Do \$17,000,000 Business

SASKATOON, Jan. 29th. — Sales amounting to over \$17 millions, for the financial year ended on October 31st last, were reported to the annual meeting of Saskatchewan Federated Co-operatives Limited, held here last week. Major development of the year was the expansion of petroleum refining facilities in Regina, financed entirely from within the wholesale's membership. An increase in accounts receivable was the subject of serious consideration, and strong efforts will be made to get members to obtain credit from their co-op unions rather than from their co-op stores.

Seed Rates Up 80 to 140 Per Cent

Introduction of a more favorable freight rate for seed, and the introduction of freight assistance "for seed grain moved for seeding in the Western Provinces" was requested. Freight rates on seed, it was pointed out, have gone up in Western Canada from 80 to 140 per cent, while "there are many farmers who, because of frozen crops or wet grain, will have to purchase seed which will need to be shipped from other areas."

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Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and Keep the Cows That Pay"



Dairy Farmers of Canada in Convention

By PRESIDENT J. A. WOOD

THE Convention of the Dairy Farmers of Canada held in the Royal Alexandra Hotel in Winnipeg from January 17th to 20th was the third I had attended, and it was the opinion of all the people I met there that it was one of the best this national organization has ever held.

The policies adopted were well thought out and thoroughly discussed. If the Government of Canada should approve the proposals which our organization has made, and act upon them, I think our industry will be in a very favorable position for the coming year. Our Statement of Policy is published on this page.

More than a hundred delegates and officers, representing 400,000 dairy farmers from nine Provinces of Canada took part in the proceedings. There was no delegate, however, from Newfoundland.

President States Position

President Gilbert McMillan set forth very clearly and effectively the essentials of the present situation in dairy production in Canada when he said that some price level MUST be found which will give to producers enough confidence to stay in the business. This, he showed, is of the utmost im-

portance both to dairy farmers and in the national interest.

Mr. McMillan discussed two methods of price stabilization in the dairy field. Both had weaknesses, he said. The first method was to cut loose from all controls and subsidies and let supply and demand rule. The second was to have the Government continue on the same basis as last year, with higher prices under the Support Act.

Complete Change in Year

In their report, the Board of Directors pointed out that one year ago we were discussing ways and means of disposing of surpluses of dairy products; whereas today the picture is com-

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Statement of Policy of Dairy Farmers of Canada

CONTINUANCE of the present price support program for butter, but at a minimum price of 62 cents per pound; application of price controls, if they should come, in such a way that sacrifices shall fall with equal weight upon all classes of the community; and the imposition of an excise tax on all foreign oils used in the manufacture of margarine sufficient to enable butter to compete on fair terms — these are among many other important proposals embodied in a "Statement of Policy" adopted by the Dairy Farmers of Canada in annual convention in Winnipeg.

The Statement of Policy, which is published in full below, was subsequently endorsed in a resolution adopted during the public sessions of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Calgary.

The Dairy Farmers of Canada shoulder a dual responsibility. It is their task to protect and advance the economic interests of the dairymen of Canada. It is also their obligation to the consuming public to maintain an adequate flow of high-quality dairy products into the domestic market at fair prices. By the measure in which they succeed in these operations they will contribute towards a healthy and prosperous Canadian economy, in which their own producer group is assured of a fair share of the national wealth.

Current developments in both national and international affairs, however, confront Canadian dairymen with problems of the first magnitude. The solution to these problems must be a matter of active concern not only to the dairy industry but to government and the Canadian people as a whole, and we feel that an open statement of policy of the Dairy Farmers of Canada may be of some guidance to all those interested in surmounting these difficulties.

The policy of the Dairy Farmers of Canada is outlined in the following terms:

Price Control: The uncertain and perilous international situation has brought with it the danger of uncontrolled inflation. In the United States, price controls have already been imposed on some commodities and there is a very real likelihood of such controls being extended to farm products. Since the economy of Canada is intimately related to that of the United States, it is quite possible, and at this moment indeed probable, that price control may be put into effect in Canada.

The Dairy Farmers of Canada feel that should price control be necessary it should be applied in such a manner that whatever sacrifices may be entailed shall fall with equal weight upon all classes of the national community. We feel that the Dairy Farmers of Canada, through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, should be represented on any advisory board or boards whose duty it may be to fix prices. We feel, too, that no attempt should be made to control prices unless wage rates are also equally controlled.

We are of the opinion that neither wages nor prices should be controlled upon any basis of arbitrary "freezing", but that the prices of both commodities and hourly labor should be so adjusted as to ensure that farm labor shall receive returns equal to that enjoyed by industrial labor.

Margarine: The Dairy Farmers of Canada are increasingly concerned over the unfair competition from cheaply-produced foreign oils used in the manufacture of margarine. We feel that the Canadian dairy industry is being unfairly excluded from that policy of nurturing and protecting our own home industries which has been accepted national policy since 1885. Dairying does not ask for any special favors or privileges, but it does expect to be accorded the same protection against unfair foreign competition as that given to other Canadian industries.

tries.

Accordingly, the Dairy Farmers of Canada will ask the Federal Government to impose an excise tax upon all foreign oils used in the manufacture of margarine, and that this tax, in line with accepted protective policy, be sufficient to enable butter to compete on fair terms.

The Dairy Farmers of Canada welcome the research which anticipates the production of a low-priced all-dairy spread. We feel that when such a spread has been produced and approved the sale of margarine must be discontinued by law, since any necessity for its production will have disappeared. The Dairy Farmers of Canada will give support to any request of producers of any Province for a ban on margarine and on fats other than butter fat in dairy foods in their respective provinces.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Dairy Producers' Great Concern About Future Is Stressed by Hannam

"Dairy producers, particularly those producing milk for cheese and butter, are also seriously concerned about their prospects in view of the unsatisfactory returns for milk when considered in contrast with today's record high farm costs of production. Worrying them too is the uncertain outlook for butter, caused by the sale of a vegetable oil substitute which already has begun seriously to undermine their industry, and incidentally threatens to encroach upon the field of other dairy products." — President H. H. Hannam of Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Annual Address.

spective Provinces.

Butter Price: The Dairy Farmers of Canada will ask the Federal Government to continue the present price support program for butter, but at a minimum price of 62 cents a pound. In the event of shortages developing, the Government should be asked to raise the price sufficiently to encourage necessary production.

Cheese: The Dairy Farmers of Canada will ask the Federal Government to use its offices to dispose of any cheese surpluses in the British market, and if necessary to support the price at a level in line with the price of other manufactured dairy products.

Dairy Legislation: The Dairy Farmers of Canada will ask the Federal Government to take steps towards an early clarification of all legislation affecting dairy standards. In the interests of the consuming public, we demand legislation which will prohibit the use of any fat other than butter fat in the manufacture of any dairy product, and prohibit the sale of any non-dairy product under any name commonly associated with a dairy product.

Milk Control: It has been noted that in some Provinces Milk Control Boards are limited in their powers to set prices. In the interest of maintaining adequate returns to producers and of guaranteeing supplies of fluid milk at fair prices to consumers, it is urged that every step be taken to give such Boards wider powers in matters of price.

Cost of Production: We strongly recommend that the price level of fluid milk should be established on the basis of the cost of production plus a reasonable profit.

(The following paragraph was substituted for the above in a resolution of the open sessions of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Calgary last week, when the Statement of Policy was adopted in all other respects unchanged: "We strongly recommend that in the event of over-all controls being instituted, cost of production be the major consideration in establishing prices of dairy products".)

Herd Improvement: The Dairy Farmers of Canada will ask the Federal and the Provincial Governments to assist in the promotion of herd improvement throughout Canada.

Study of the Flow of Milk

WHEREAS experience in some parts of Canada has shown that the sudden

diversion of milk from one branch of the dairy industry to another has sometimes created unnecessary surpluses and caused hardship to producers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dairy Farmers of Canada set up a committee to study this whole problem of milk flow and diversion, so that all groups within the dairying industry may have a better knowledge of the mechanics of dairy supply.

Fat Content of Ice Cream Products

WHEREAS it has been brought to the attention of dairy groups that some manufacturing interests are seeking to reduce the dairy fat content of ice cream and related products; and

WHEREAS such a reduction is not in the public interest;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dairy Farmers of Canada ask the Federal Government to resist any suggestions that the present minimum percentage of dairy fat content in ice cream be so reduced.

Public Relations Program

WHEREAS the entire dairying industry is presently in a depressed condition as a result of inadequate producer prices for dairy products; and

WHEREAS this condition presents the ultimate danger of the development of acute shortages of dairy products.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dairy Farmers of Canada include in their public relations program an effort to better acquaint the general public with the economic facts of the dairy industry, and of their relation to the national economy and the public welfare.

DAIRY FARMERS' CONVENTION
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pletely changed.

During 1950, creamery butter production declined by 6 per cent, and consumption increased by 8 per cent; consumption of evaporated milk increased by more than 17 per cent as compared with 1949.

The report of the June "set aside" for advertising of 1 per cent per pound of all butter fat production for the month was very satisfactory. The total sum of \$338,794.82 was collected, Alberta's share being \$43,541.32.

Tribute to "The Dairy Cow"

Dean MacEwan's address as guest speaker at the banquet held in the hotel banquet room was one of the highlights of the week. He combines a first-hand knowledge of Western Canada where he was born and has spent his life, and practical experience of the problems of farm production at the grass roots; and to these he adds the gifts of wit and humor. His subject, he announced, was "The Dairy Cow." "She is," he said, "the barnyard philosopher, the foster-mother of the human race. She raises most of the babies today, and makes a good job of it. Her unmarried brothers-in-law drew the Red River carts up and down the pioneer country and pulled the plow to break the first land broken in this settlement close to Winnipeg. Her husband the bull is maligned. He roars, but doesn't brag. He was originally anti-red.

"The cow, with an assembly line 150 feet long, is the factory that produces the most perfect food in the world today. As for the cost of her product, I can buy 35 quarts of milk for the price of one quart of the cheapest whiskey."

Choice Before Farmers

We had the pleasure of hearing an address by Mr. Goodwillie, Chief of Dairy Products Inspection and Grading in the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. He declared that Canada's dairy farmers will have to increase production of dairy product or reduce our exports and devote our energies to the home market.

The panel discussion under the chairmanship of Mr. Gordon Lover-

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how does it taste in the
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idge of Saskatchewan was very interesting — so much so that this panel did not adjourn at noon as was called for in the agenda but carried on for another half-hour.

Commodity Groups Meet

On the last afternoon the meeting broke divided into the various commodity groups: Cheese, Butter, Concentrated Milk, and Whole Milk; and discussed policy for 1951 and 1952 in their respective commodities. The policies these groups adopted were approved or amended by the Convention, whose policy for 1951 is, as I have stated, set forth in this, our Central Alberta Dairy Pool page.

Our C.A.D.P. representation consisted of Mr. Alex Ross of our Board, and Mr. Ellis Johnstone, our General Manager, and I know both will agree with me that the Convention marked real progress in the development of a policy for our industry which if carried out will bring benefit to all our producers.

Officers for 1951

Gilbert McMillan, Quebec, was re-elected president; vice-presidents are John I. Ballantyne, Ontario, and Fred Goodman, Manitoba. Directors are

Gordon Loveridge, Saskatchewan, Cyril Sherwood, New Brunswick, R. F. Lick, Ontario, R. H. M. Bailey, Alberta, J. Frank Way and M. Lucien. Erle Kitchen is secretary-manager.

Better Malting Barley
and Oil Yielding Crops
Purpose of Conference

At the forthcoming Canadian Barley and Oil Seeds Conference, to be held in Saskatoon February 22nd and 23rd, plant scientists will report on their attempts to develop new and better varieties of malting barley and better vegetable oil producing crops. Dr. Manley Champlin, of the University of Saskatchewan, heads the group. For the oil seeds program, Leo Gauer of McCabe Grain Co. will preside, and barley discussions will be under the chairmanship of Professor T. J. Harrison, director of the Barley Improvement Institute.

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THE FIFTEENTH CONVENTION

Since its formation, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has gone from strength to strength. By its record of achievement; by the high degree of tolerance and understanding which it has helped to foster among farmers engaged in every form of primary production in Canada, East and West; by the co-ordination of the efforts of the many organizations which the farm people have created to protect their industry; as well as by the service it is giving in the international field, the Federation has established a record of which all the sponsoring bodies and their membership have reason to be proud.

These things were demonstrated, in our judgment, in the surveys of past and present activities and in the planning for the future which formed the business of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Federation in Calgary last week. The essential unity of the farm movement, in spite of inevitable differences in interest and in point of view, is more firmly established today than it has been in any former period in Canadian history.

In order to present to our readers as complete a picture of the Convention as possible, the greater part of this issue has been devoted to its proceedings. Features of the gathering will also be dealt with in our next issue, including the most important "Review of Economic Conditions and The Farmers Position" by Dr. E. C. Hope, the Federation Economist.

U.S. ASSUMES GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY

Whether the United States Government has been wise or otherwise in insisting that the resolution it submitted to the political Committee of the UN General Assembly be brought to a vote at a time when the representatives of many important member nations believed such action ill-timed will be demonstrated by future events. We hope the outcome will not be unfavorable.

By the dragging of its reluctant allies and its clients among the member states of UN, a majority of whom agreed with the principle of the declaration but thought the time had not come for the decision, the United States has in any event assumed a grave responsibility. More than ever, now, a mood of sobriety and deliberation is essential if that obligation is to be faithfully discharged.

We think Hon. Lester Pearson spoke for Canada when he expressed regret that the matter had been brought to an issue when it was. He thought it "premature and unwise" to confront the Committee with a call for a vote when "methods of peaceful negotiation without condemnation" did not appear to have been "completely exhausted."

OTHER POINTS OF VIEW

It is possible that, by force of circumstances, most of us are more familiar with what has become the Washington point of view upon the problem of the Far East than we are with the British point of view or with that of our own Government, though our Prime Minister and our Minister of External Affairs have been well reported. A number of our Western dailies, too, have given the British and Canadian policies their support.

The British reaction to recent events (and that of

SUSPENSE

*Tranquillity is lost — the world reels
Before the menace of engulfing force.
And all mankind amid the tumult feels
That life has lost its purpose and its course.
The word defence is ominous and cold,
With sombre implications that impart
Betrayal, still too bitter to be told,
Of shining hope that lately warmed the heart.*

*How long must men from fellow-men defend
Their chosen way of life and, unafraid,
The spirit's journey joyfully extend
Beyond the borders of the armed stockade?
How long until the nations find the key
That sets themselves, and all who follow, free?*

—ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

influential Americans who may be in the minority) is not so fully presented to readers and listeners as that of Congress and the State Department. Because we believe this reaction should as far as possible be understood, we quote below from two recent editorials. The quotations are significant, but inadequate, since, of necessity, they are brief.

The London Times and the London Observer, and, in fact, most British dailies, have stressed consistently the importance, as they see it, of avoiding heavy commitments in Asia if they can be avoided. The following paragraphs are from the Manchester Guardian, whose reputation stands high throughout the English-speaking world, and from The New Statesman and Nation, an independent supporter of the Labor Government — the first authoritative British publication to express misgivings about General MacArthur, though not the last. Today, criticism is not uncommon in the Conservative press.

TASK OF DIPLOMACY (Manchester Guardian)

The West, in fighting against aggressive Communism, finds itself inadvertently raising up against it the force of Asian nationalism which it has been so anxious to placate... it is the task of diplomacy to play well from a bad hand. The best hope for the West now is to decline to become engaged with China in a full-blooded clash. The United States should be persuaded to drop its talk of economic sanctions; in any case they are intended to appease the Republican opposition rather than to harm China. The United States has in its Diplomatic Service some very experienced experts on Asia. The Administration is afraid to use most of them because of the foolish Republican suspicion that anybody who knows about China must be at least half a Communist. If diplomacy fails, and if hostilities should continue, an increasing part of Asia will favor China, not because it is Communist, but because, though Communist, it is Asian.

TIME FOR PLAIN SPEECH (The New Statesman and Nation)

Many people in this country, who share the general alarm at present American policy, object to any outspoken criticism lest Washington should be offended and isolationism be encouraged. They were dismayed by even the extremely moderate Parliamentary criticism, made on Labor, Liberal and Conservative benches alike, which led to Mr. Attlee's visit to the United States.

But it is reticence, not plain speaking, which is dangerous. We are drifting into a situation in which the newspapers, the wireless and all the official sources shout with one voice, while the man in the bus or pub mumbles a very different opinion.

We recall the disastrous results of a similar unresolved conflict in France in the first twelve months of the last war.

The immediate result of a lack of frankness between Allies is to leave in the lurch millions of Americans who share our doubts about American world policy and to foster the growing American habit of regarding foreign criticism of U.S. policy as subversive or treacherous.

New Test of Loyalty

Some U.S. commentators now measure foreign countries and politicians in terms of their "loyalty", not to (Continued on Page 12)

A HAPPY PEOPLE WITHOUT POVERTY

Norwegians Have a Co-operative Philosophy
Many of Us May Envy, Says Garland

NORWEGIANS are more like Canadians than any other people, except perhaps the British, declared E. J. Garland, in an address at the banquet tendered to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture by the Provincial Government, in Calgary last week.

Holiday in Alberta

Mr. Garland, formerly M.P. for Bow River (he farmed at Rumsey and served on the Executive of the U.F.A.), and now Canadian Minister at Oslo, has been spending a holiday in Alberta. Hon. David Ure presided.

Norwegians are polite, Mr. Garland said, "persistently polite." There is no poverty in Norway: there is a "great lack of many things that you would regard as necessary, but no poverty."

No Beggars or Ill-Clad

"I have never seen a beggar there. I have never seen anyone ill-clad. They are a happy people, a simple people. They like to hike and to cycle and to ski. They love pleasure . . . which they find, not in night clubs, but in the outdoor life. They take a holiday on any pretext; they take a five-day holiday at Easter, and also at Christmas. Everybody has a three weeks' holiday with pay, and they all take it in July."

"The Norwegian people," said Mr. Garland, "in their simplicity have developed a philosophy of co-operation which I think will be the envy of many of you."

There are in Norway, he continued, 782,000 members of co-operative societies. In the city of Oslo alone, there are 71 retail co-op. stores; there is no town of any size that has not got its co-op. store.

And the Norwegian co-operative movement doesn't confine itself to retail trade. It manufactures radios, boots and shoes, margarine, "a word, I understand, which must not be used in these halls," added Mr. Garland, amid laughter.

Dairy Industry Completely Organized
The dairy industry in Norway, he went on, is completely organized. There are 100,000 dairymen in the co-operatives with their own dairies, 120 of them, and their own purchasing pools. And when they have a surplus of butter they ship it direct to their co-operatively owned margarine plants, where it is mixed and sold.

There are meat and egg pools; and forestry pools. Of the entire forest resources of the country, 64 per cent are owned by farmers. There is an average of 70 acres of forest land per farm, and out of these acres farmers make their cash income when farming conditions are adverse.

Other co-operative plants make chocolates, soaps and chemicals, flour; they tan hides, process tobacco, spin and weave wool, roast and pack coffee.

Co-operatives include 69 sausage factories, cafes, and laundries. There are 23 co-operative distilleries, which utilize surplus potatoes.

Five hundred study classes in co-operation are conducted. There is a co-operative school, where managers and directors of co-operatives are trained, as well as accountants. In addition, over 5,000 take correspondence courses each year.

Norway is a member of the I.F.A.P., Mr. Garland pointed out.

Scandinavian Countries and the West

There was co-operation not merely in economic development, but between governments of Scandinavian countries — Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Iceland. Two of these, Norway and Denmark, are members of the Atlantic Pact. Sweden, said Mr. Garland, still pinned her faith to neutrality. Norwegians and Danes, having suffered occupation during the Second World War, "no longer have that illusion, and are both convinced that they must join the West."

"You can place fullest confidence in the fighting ability of the Norwegian people," declared the speaker, who described the rearming that is taking place.

"When the war ended," he said, "Russia had an extraordinary reserve of goodwill throughout the world," won by the gallantry of her soldiers in beating back the Germans. Had the Russians only "had the sense to maintain relations with the rest of the world, how much better it would have been!" He deplored the policy of "the greatest and most ruthless of imperialisms." The patience even of

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HON. E. J. GARLAND

Norway was exhausted when Berlin was blockaded, and strong legislation had been brought down to deal with offences against national security. Communism was in a rapid decline.

Mr. Garland had praise for Canada's aid to western Europe. The U.S. had given splendid aid, but in proportion to population, Canada had done as well as anyone.

"Voice of Canada" and Film Board

CBC broadcasts were much appreciated in Norway, declared Mr. Garland. Norwegians liked the "Voice of Canada" programs, and the broadcasts to Britain, in English, also came in well.

The National Film Board, also, was doing an excellent job, in Mr. Garland's opinion. "I was a little distressed by some of the remarks that were made in this country about the Film Board last year," he said. "Your country is known all over Norway, from north to south, through the medium of your films . . . I would hate to see you drop that work — I'd rather see it expanded."

In closing, Mr. Garland expressed the hope that some of his audience would "come and visit us in Norway. Come and attend some of the international meetings that are held there. Come and see something of the wonderful co-operative movement in that country." — A.M.S.

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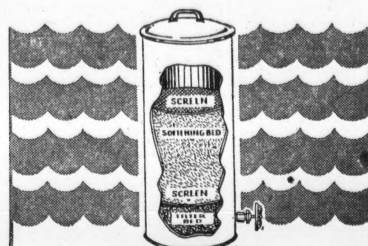
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World Farmers' Program Provides Sound Basis for Peace HANNAM

IMPLEMENTING of the program of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers could bring not only a great measure of stabilization of prices and better distribution of expanding world production of food and fibre, it could also, by ensuring equitable distribution of an ever-expanding food supply, help to provide a sound basis for peace in the future.

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Because this program ties in with this greatest of all world issues: Shall we have peace or war? the Federation is impatient with governments associated with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in not moving more promptly and constructively in this direction.

So declared Dr. H. H. Hannam, President of I.F.A.P. and of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in the course of his annual address to the C.F.A. Convention in Calgary last week.

World Effect Already Felt

Farmers had learned by experience that it was practically impossible to develop a stable and successful agricultural program on less than an international basis; and in the short space of four years remarkable progress had been made in building an International Federation of Agriculture. Young as it was, the I.F.A.P., representing the world's largest and most basic occupational group, had already made its impact on world policies. The achievement of an International Wheat Agreement in 1949 and establishment of an international commodity committee in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N., would not have been possible at this time but for the existence of I.F.A.P.

Should that Agreement continue to operate as satisfactorily as it had done in its first year, the 44 nations concerned and their agricultural producers would have discovered a new basis for orderly, co-operative international trading "with extraordinary possibilities for the future."

But it would be in stabilizing prices and ensuring better distribution of expanding world production that I.F.A.P. would most likely make its greatest contribution, Dr. Hannam predicted.

Benefit to Canadian Farmer

"Indeed," he said, "its influence may already have done much to prevent the undermining of producer-prices through indiscriminate competitive dumping of agricultural surpluses. This can be of great benefit to the average Canadian farmer and his family. The international commodity committee of the F.A.O. — the chairman of which, we are proud to say, is

our own Dr. Barton — has for the first time in history functioned as an agency in the international field to supervise the movement into consumption of agricultural surpluses which become embarrassing to the producers and the country of origin."

The rearmament and stock piling program seemed to have solved the problem of surpluses for the present; yet the winning of more food from the land and the sharing of that food effectively and wisely, for the benefit of all people, remained fundamental. The problem of surpluses was simply being postponed.

Aim of World Program

The aim of the world food program to which the I.F.A.P. subscribed was to enable people in all lands to live as good neighbors, producing and sharing abundance, opening markets for all that skill, mechanization and science could produce, "distributing equitably an ever-expanding food supply, providing for world consumers a higher standard of nutrition and health than has ever been known in the past, and helping to provide a sound basis for peace in the future."

Millions, perhaps hundreds of millions of people were lined up behind communism not that they believed in it, but because "they are desperate through hunger, poverty and insecurity." It must be demonstrated to them that "democracy has more to offer these people and must prove by the way it directs its society that the freedom and justice and meeting of elementary human needs promised by democracy are real and within the reach of all."

Favors World Government

Formation of the U.N., the speaker believed, would be recorded in history as the greatest step forward in human history, and action some months ago in collective military action to check aggression had been heartening. The development of U.N. into a super-government for the world, each member nation surrendering part of its sovereignty, was the only way in which mankind could adjust its affairs to the needs of today. It would be the realization of Tennyson's vision of "the parliament of man, the federation of the world."

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Bilateral Contracts "Ridiculous Policies for Promoting Trade"

**Liberal Government, Says Gardiner, Not Responsible —
Bennett Policy Blamed**

Declaring that "it had been said by many and inferred by more that the present Government of Canada (and more particularly the Minister of Agriculture) is responsible for the existence of bilateral contracts as means of supplying Britain with food," Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, told the C.F.A. Convention: "The facts reveal that nothing could be further from the truth . . . Every Liberal in the world believes that if we can maintain peace, these agreements will very soon prove to be the most ridiculous policies for promoting trade ever put into operation."

Reviews History of Policy

The Minister reviewed at length the history of pre-war negotiations conducted by the Bennett Government in 1930 and 1932, in which year agreements based upon preferences of 10 per cent in the British market were drawn up, and made applicable for three years, at the end of which time Britain had the right to notify Canada of a desire to "bring such produce within any system which may be put into operation for the quantitative regulation of supplies from all sources in the U.K. market." This right was exercised by Britain in 1936, when a Liberal Government had come into power in Canada and Ministers, including Mr. Gardiner, presented reasons at a conference in London why they were not in favor of the plan, but "were politely told that question was beyond the discussion stage." The plan gave the U.K. Government the right, said the Minister, to determine what proportion of food supplies would come from the Commonwealth and what from outside, a conference to be set up of all the countries concerned, and quotas to be set by Britain, based on what was done in 1935.

Not Considered Suitable

Mr. Gardiner gave reasons why the plan was not considered by the Liberal Government suitable to Canada. Under our federal system the Ottawa Government could not force deliveries in peace time. When war came, such authority was given under the War Measures Act, and Canada undertook to get food for Britain, under open ended contracts "for not less than a stated amount at a price agreed upon in the fall of each year for the succeeding year." Canada's power to deliver was established.

Britain had notified Canada during the war that, at the end of the war, agreements signed with Denmark and others for bacon must be acknowledged, and after the war "we demonstrated that we could without harm to ourselves go back to producing less meat and dairy products and more cereals." Bacon was reduced to 280,000,000 lbs.; cheese below 60,000,000, cattle below 60,000, and Canada was told no more eggs would be taken, as we had not been a considerable supplier before the war.

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OTTAWA LETTER

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tional adjustment payments for the three types of grain will be about \$28,000,000. The adjustment payments on oats and barley for the first six months will begin when the Board has received complete reports on country purchases up to January 31st. These payments by the Board should begin about the first of March, and the adjustment payment on wheat will follow.

Our foreign trade in foods has become re-oriented, practically completely. This does not apply to wheat, which is governed by the terms of the international agreement and our wheat is going abroad, mainly to Britain, but to other countries as well. It is a good arrangement. For the rest, in the last war, through the War Measures Act the Dominion Government could make agreements with Britain, and did so on bacon, beef, lamb and mutton, milk, cheese, eggs and poultry. Now these contracts, continued for a time after the war under The Agricultural Products Act, have one by one lapsed, until they have all gone.

Causes of Change

It has been unavoidable. A great barrier to the continuance of the contracts has been the shortage of dollars in Great Britain, the reopening of other sources of supply, where sterling or other "soft" currencies could be used in payment of imports, the failure of Canada to live up to some of its contracts, and in recent times the higher prices that the Canadian farmer can receive for his food products either in the domestic or other markets.

In the coming session of Parliament with the reason for the Agricultural Products Act no longer valid, it is likely it will not be renewed. Hitherto it has been extended from year to year.

figures and accept the British price," said Mr. Gardiner, "we do not need an agreement, but under the terms of the 1932 arrangement we can only exceed the quantities stated with the consent of Britain. The recent contracts made by Britain with other countries indicate she is following the intent of the 1932 agreements."—(More next issue).

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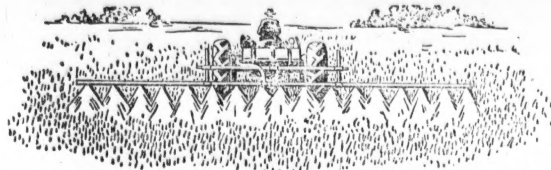
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Leaders Consider Farm Problems of East and West



Here, during an interval between sessions, four well-known delegates to the C.F.A. Convention compare ideas. Left to right: Gilbert McMillan, Huntingdon, Que., President of the Dairy Farmers of Canada; C. A. Milligan,

Napanee, Ont., Ontario Federation of Agriculture; Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., Calgary, President of United Grain Growers; and Roy Marler, Bremner, Alta., President of the Western Agricultural Conference.

WORLD CHRONICLE

Jan. 17th. — Peiping reply to UN cease-fire proposals (at first reported as direct rejection), later found to contain counter-proposals, including 7-country conference, and UN membership. Bevan transferred from Ministry

of Health to that of Labor and National Service, in British Cabinet shake-up.

Jan. 18th. — U.S. demands UN condemn China as aggressor, and pave way for action against her. Truman announces wage and price controls to be imposed at early date. U.S. director of selective service says 18-year-olds must be drafted. Influenza spreads over south of England; hospital accommodation taxed.

Jan. 19th. — Britain, France, Canada, express anxiety re U.S. proposals; believe they should not commit UN to bombing of Chinese mainland, or to sanctions against China, says Lake Success despatch. Four Latin American countries support U.S. proposals, Holland urges caution. MacArthur, visiting Korean front, says "No one is going to drive us into the sea." South Africa to impose still more stringent race segregation, forecast in speech from throne at Capetown.

Jan. 20th. — U.S. introduces resolution, at Lake Success, to declare China aggressor in Korea; no specific punishment named. Rau of India calls action proposed by resolution "disastrous"; says last Peiping message leaves door open for further negotiation. In Ottawa, Howe says program for increased industrial production to be brought in. Eisenhower, in Frankfurt, says Germans should line up with Western Europe.

Jan. 21st. — U.S. continues opposition to admission of new Chinese government to UN, deputy representative Gross announces. Moscow notes to London and Paris declare Britain and France have violated treaties with Russia by proposals to rearm western Germany. Over hundred reported killed by Alpine avalanches (later reports say 200 dead). UN forces drive into Wonju for fourth time, retire in few hours.

Jan. 22nd. — New message from Peiping offers cease-fire by arrangement in seven-power conference on Korea, Formosa and all Far East problems. Against U.S. opposition, UN carries motion by Rau to consider message in 48 hours. St. Laurent, states Ottawa despatch, had taken action last week, through Nehru, to secure clarification from Peiping of previous message. Pakistan demands UN give decision on Kashmir dispute. First known eruption of New Guinea volcano reported decreasing after five

days; 3,000 estimated killed. 'Flu epidemic in England said decreasing.

Jan. 23rd. — In London, Attlee reiterates Britain's hopes for peaceful settlement with China. Rau announces Arab-Asian group are striving to find settlement agreeable to China and to UN. U.S. Senators unanimously support resolution against Chinese admission to UN; demand China be branded as aggressor. Paris announces replies to Russian proposal for four-power conference ask that other problems be considered in addition to Germany. Washington reports U.S. seeks other air bases in western Europe, possibly for atomic bombing; now has three air bases in Britain, another to be opened in March.

Jan. 24th. — In New Delhi, Nehru criticises American policy in Far East; voices conviction Peiping leaders are eager for negotiated settlement; urges round-table conference. Foreign Secretary Bevin stricken with pneumonia in London. British newspapers support Attlee's stand for negotiation with China.

Jan. 25th. — Eisenhower concludes tour of Atlantic Pact countries, in Paris; Britain believed to be only country visited which is carrying on vigorous rearmament.

Jan. 26th. — Pearson, in Lake Success speech, urges seven-power conference to arrange cease-fire in Korea, then negotiate settlement of Far Eastern problems (seven states would be U.S., Britain, France, Communist China, Russia, India, Egypt). Eisenhower in Ottawa. UN patrols reported approaching Seoul. Washington orders temporary freezing of wages and prices.

Jan. 27th. — Atomic bombs tested in Nevada. British meat ration to be further reduced February 4th; Argentina said demanding higher prices than Britain is willing to pay.

Jan. 28th. — Bevin's condition improving. MacArthur says fight is now "for free Asia".

Jan. 29th. — Rau warns that UN action to condemn China of aggression will end hope of peaceful settlement; but British, French support for U.S. resolution reported. U.K. defence forces to total 800,000 by April, announces Attlee; production planes, tanks, to be boosted. Executive of C.C.F. asks Canadian Government oppose U.S. resolution.

Jan. 30th. — UN political committee votes 44-7 for U.S. resolution naming China as aggressor, after failure Russian bloc appeal for postponement. UN warships, planes, attack east coast Korean town of Kansong. Emergency situation exists in Canada, says throne speech, at opening of Parliament.

Jan. 31st. — U.S. task force batters Kosong, on east coast Korea.

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Producers' Negotiation of Own Export Contracts Seen As Next Major Step

"I SHOULD not be surprised," Dr. H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture stated in addressing the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Federation in Calgary last week, "if the next major development should be for organized producers in Canada to negotiate their own export sales and sales agreements.

Outcome Basic Philosophy

"This is in line with the basic philosophy of the farm movement, which has always given emphasis to self-help procedures, and in which it is likely to be more permanently successful than if it depends wholly on government assistance programs, although the latter have their place and are absolutely essential under certain conditions.

"What I am suggesting here is already being done by some producers elsewhere. For example, Danish farm organizations negotiate their own bacon contracts with the United Kingdom Ministry of Food."

Logical Development

President Hannam saw such a development as the logical outcome of the history of the farm movement, including the 15 years evolution of the Federation. In the mechanization of agriculture, scientific advancement, but "especially in respect to the role assumed in public affairs by the man on the land," a new and better era had been entered. By co-ordinating, federating, unifying and consolidating farm organizations into one national body, Canadian farmers had done much to "raise the status of agriculture, to put order and stability into the economic aspect of their industry, and to provide a respect for and a dignity in their calling which all too often has been sadly lacking in the past."

Federal Act Gives Power

It was in reference to the gradual movement of producers into ownership and control and direction of their own marketing enterprises that Dr. Hannam foresaw the likelihood of extension by farmers of the merchandising of their products into the export trade. The enterprises they already operate for the sale of their products in Canada were already, he said, "properly termed big business, and most of them are outstandingly successful." Orderly marketing programs supplemented by legislation giving power to regulate all of a particular commodity in the area agreed upon had recently been supplemented by the federal act which "gives power to carry these regulations forward into the interprovincial and export fields."

The President set forth in positive terms the views of the Federation on the subject of price controls. He recalled that at its last meeting the C.F.A. had advocated the setting up by the Government of a competent body to study continuously the position of

the different economic groups, with a view to placing controls, if they should become necessary, on an equitable basis.

Price Controls "Across the Board"

"Organized agriculture," said Dr. Hannam, "believes that no imposition of general controls should be entertained without making them effective clear across the board on all prices, profits, fees, salaries and wages. To exempt economic returns from any one of these groups would be to grant a privilege which cannot be justified. To do so would discriminate unfairly against the other groups.

"What reaction could we expect from the people of Canada," the President asked, "if organized agriculture were to ask general control on all wages and prices, excepting only farm prices? Needless to say we have no thought of doing so." Any such proposal from any group would indicate "a lack of appreciation of the need for equitable sharing of sacrifices and responsibilities by all citizens in times of emergency."

Strong Inflationary Trend

Dr. Hannam said that Canadian farmers would be prepared to play their part should a national emergency arise again. Strong inflationary tendencies were already becoming apparent, and definite measures to arrest them were becoming necessary.

Without desiring to detract from the favorableness of the fact of high gross farm income, the speaker said the public should not be misled into thinking that farmers are enjoying highly lucrative returns. It had been indicated at the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference in December that farm prices were likely to be maintained close to the 1950 level in 1951, but shortage of farm labor might be expected; and such items as fertilizers, pesticides, machinery, building materials, and other equipment, as well as farm living costs, still showed an upward trend. The index of all farm prices had reached its peak in 1948, and because of the steady rise in farm costs, farm purchasing power had declined by 12 per cent between October, 1948 and October, 1950.

Great Step Forward

Inauguration of a farm price support program six years ago, and action by Parliament at the last session making the price support permanent constituted "a great step forward in Canadian agricultural history," since it meant that "the responsibility of the Canadian Government in maintaining farm prosperity had been firmly established as part of Canadian agricultural policy."

Calgary's 1950 Sales

The total estimated value of sales of livestock at Calgary Stockyards and plants during 1950 was \$57,812,000. Passing through the yards during the year were 238,547 head of cattle, 29,517 calves, nearly 99,000 hogs and 30,000 head of sheep. The average weighted price for cattle sold was \$22.64, as compared with \$16.96 in 1949.

Nearly 42,500,000 persons are registered with the General Medical Service of the British National Health Service.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL

Farm Forum Board Meets in Calgary.

"Farm Forum" is receiving world-wide attention," said Dr. E. A. Corbett, Director of the Canadian Association of Adult Education, at a meeting of the Board in Calgary last week. "The Proposed Budget for UNESCO for next year contains an item of \$16,000 to study the structure and effectiveness of Radio Farm Forum."

Dr. Corbett also reported that the quarterly publication of UNESCO for October contained a feature story on National Farm Radio Forum by Dr. Alex Sim of the University of Toronto. This publication receives world-wide distribution. New members were appointed to the National Farm Radio Forum Board to represent Alberta and Prince Edward Island Farm Forum Committees. William Yorgason, Claresholm, will represent Alberta, while Prince Edward Island has yet to name its representative. The National Secretary, Floyd Griesbach, reported the highest number of reports received in any one week so far this season. Group numbers are up slightly in Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia. The total for Canada is down 10 per cent, but indications are it will be up by the end of the year.

Plans were made to hold the National Farm Forum Conference at Amherst, Nova Scotia, in mid-June. The topics for next season will be decided at that time. Dr. H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, was chairman of the meeting. Others present were Dr. E. A. Corbett, Director of C.A.A.E.; A. R. Kemp, B.C., Supervisor of Farm Broadcasts; Leonard Harman and Keith Morrow, of Toronto; Mrs. Hugh MacRae of Durbin, Manitoba; James Powers, Chepstow, Ontario; R. L. Stutt, Regina, Sask.

Broadcast Originates in Calgary. — The Farm Radio Forum program that you heard on Monday, January 29th, originated at the C.F.A. annual meeting held in Calgary last week.

On Wednesday afternoon, the CBC recording equipment was set up and the participants, Professor MacDougall from Queens University and George Robertson, Secretary of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, along with the chairman, Keith Morrow, took their places on the platform.

Following the discussion by the participants on the subject of Futures Markets, the delegates and visitors attending the C.F.A. annual meeting entered into a lively discussion of the points carried on the subject.

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clusion could be reached regarding the feeling of the meeting — that was that it was not only wholeheartedly in favor of our system of marketing through our grain board, but that it was violently opposed to the speculative features that accompanied the use of futures markets.

This subject should be of interest to all listeners across Canada, as feeders of grain in Eastern Canada and B.C. are just as interested in grain marketing and fluctuating prices as the farmer who has the grain for sale.

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News of Women's Locals

Berry Creek F.W.U.A. (Cessford) have ordered materials for their 1951 bazaar.

Since the financial position of the Local is good, writes Mrs. L. Taylor, secretary, Rosemoynne F.W.U.A. (Edgerton) decided to pay \$1.50 towards each member's dues.

Mrs. R. Goshko is giving members of Inland F.W.U.A. (Vegreville) lessons in drawn work, after the regular meetings. There are ten in the class, writes the secretary, Mrs. J. Zaseyida.

Carstairs F.W.U.A. recently decided to send a CARE parcel to an English orphanage, and at the same meeting plans were made to cater to a Board of Trade banquet to be held this month.

Tofield F.W.U.A. decided at the January meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Earl Moore, that each member would contribute one washcloth, one bar of soap and one diaper to the Save the Children Fund.

A dance, to raise funds, was arranged at the last meeting of Fairdian Valley F.W.U.A. (Sedgewick), reports the secretary, Mrs. James Davison. A brief from the Society of Incurables was read, and a donation of \$10 voted.

Wild Rose F.W.U.A. (Carolside) was one of those Locals who held joint meetings with the men's Local to hear Convention reports. Mrs. Dorothy Solberg writes that chairs are being purchased for community gatherings in the local school.

With an average attendance of over eighteen, Edmonton F.W.U.A. held ten interesting meetings last year, annual reports showed. Topics for the various programs included mental health, education for effective living, arts and crafts, the food situation in Europe, co-operation, social welfare, and juvenile delinquency. Contributions were made to several funds, and money was raised by a raffle, a card party, tea collections, sale of cook books, etc.

FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

A BOOK FOR LOVERS OF THE LAND

Comox, B.C.

Dear Farm Women:

It would be little use for me to comment on the world affairs of today. They are as uncertain as is our weather. Instead, I want to tell you of a book I have been reading — a book of particular interest to lovers of the land.

Author Describes Himself

And that does not necessarily mean all farmers, nor does it exclude all others. For all farmers could not be described, as the author says of himself: "I had, I believed the true peasant's gift or power of accepting a hard future, of finding reward not in terms of money but in the joy of monotonous labor with animals and implements, from sunrise to sunset, from seedtime to harvest, in storm and in calm; and in the pleasures of awakening buds, singing birds, the summer song of the bees, autumn colors and winter crispness. Like most countrymen, I could see great beauty as well in the flower as in a good dunghill."

It is a book — and I find I have not at yet told you the name! **The Golden Year** by R. M. Lockley, The Readers' Union, H. F. & G. Witherby, London, Eng.

It is a book about a year of farming very different from our Western farming in many respects. It is in the south of Wales and the writer, who had been on a year-long scientific expedition, had come back to the bad year of 1946 and the calamitous winter

A parcel of used clothing and shoes is being shipped by Hillside F.W.U.A. (Millet) to Europe through the Canadian Save the Children Fund, writes Mrs. J. Thompson. Highlight of the January meeting, held at the home of Mrs. J. Fleming, was the report of Mrs. Winifred Ross to the F.W.U.A. Convention.

Recent meetings of Stapledene F.W.U.A. (Lloydminster) were held at Stapledene school, and at the home of Mrs. J. Kingon. A dance is to be sponsored shortly, reports Mrs. Geo. Finlay, the secretary, to raise funds, "depleted by paying delegates' expenses."

Stony Plain F.W.U.A. decided at their last meeting to apply for the course on "Kitchen Planning." It was agreed to make contributions to the March of Dimes and to the tuberculosis association. Social evenings are being held every two weeks, writes Mrs. John Evjen, the secretary.

In addition to subscribing to several funds during the year, Okotoks F.W.U.A. donated \$25 to the local swimming pool and \$5 to help send a baby East for medical treatment. Two girls were sent to Farm Young People's Week. A box of clothing was contributed to the Unitarian Service Committee, and a bundle to the Alberta Maternity Fund. The sum of \$100 was given to the Junior Red Cross.

TREES INSTEAD OF WEEDS

INDIAN HEAD, Sask. — "Trees instead of weeds" may be grown on unused places on the farm, declares John Walker, of the Indian Head Forest Nursery Station. Such spots may be on margins of creek beds, around manure or stone piles, dugout mounds, slough holes, bunchgrass infested pastures or bare knolls in pasture areas.

storm. There are some young Western wives who would envy his wife, Janet, for she, who also loved the farm, worked outdoors all the time driving the tractor, etc., fortunate enough to have an excellent housekeeper.

Trained Eye of Naturalist

The book is really a diary (written somewhat irregularly, for the work pressed too hard at times) of the year's farm work there. It is a diary of their work, and hard work they put in. But the pleasure of the book comes from his deep interest, his comments, in beautiful English, upon this their work, of his and Janet's, and the men who worked on the farm and ate in the great kitchen together. He had the trained eye of the naturalist to note the appearance of every flower — weed or otherwise — of every bird. One wonders if our boys and girls have their eyes and ears even, shall we say, amateurishly trained to get as much pleasure from their country surroundings as they might.

Then, after reading of this different type of farming, comes a comment which no doubt will cause much difference of opinion. One of the men referred to the numerous strikes of miners, dock workers, market porters and asked why it was that people on the land never strike.

"Not An Easy Question"

"I pondered. It was not an easy question to answer. Because," I said at last, "I suppose we've really got the best job of all. It may be the hardest and it has the longest hours, but basically it's the one job that satisfies the natural hunger and never-ending curiosity of man. It's satisfying because, like the sea and the sky, it is always changing yet has no beginning and no ending. It goes on and on, death in life, and life in death from one generation to another indestructible."

Now I fancy there are some who could lend some other contributory causes to the reasons farmers do not strike? Don't you? But it is a most enjoyable book.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

FARM HOME & GARDEN

Corn Kernel Muffins: Sift together 1½ cups flour, 2 tsp. baking powder, ½ tsp. salt, 2 tbs. sugar; combine 1 egg, ¾ cup milk, 1½ cups canned corn and 2 tbs. melted shortening. Add to first mixture and bake in greased muffin tins, in hot oven, about 25 minutes.

"Shufflers" or lounging socks can be made of the tops of heavy wool socks after the feet are worn out. Felt from an old hat will make a good sole. Add a little fancy stitchery in wool of contrasting colors for decoration.

"Outdoor Roses in Canada" is the title of a very attractive booklet — Publication No. 777 — put out by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Some roses can be grown in our climate, and this booklet tells you what kinds to grow and how to grow them.

Unpasteurized Milk should be avoided, says the Department of National Health and Welfare. It's a simple matter to do the job yourself, and thus give your family protection against bovine tuberculosis, undulant fever, typhoid or paratyphoid fevers.

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Junior Executive to Meet Early This Month to Plan Year's Principal Events

The Executive of the Junior Branch will meet early this month, when plans will be laid for the Stampede Queen contest and Farm Young People's Week, Miss Gray, acting Secretary of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, reports.

Among active Junior Locals, writes Miss Gray, "Namaso Junior Local is doing a very fine job. They have arranged their meetings on the planned program style carried out at the Rural Leadership Course, at Banff, and this is proving most successful. Some of the Banff School students have been doing a real job with Farm Radio Forum and the F.U.A. Locals."

HAVE 1,610 VISITORS

LONDON, Eng. — Last year youth hostels in the dales of Yorkshire had 1,610 visitors from more than 30 different countries. Thirty-five of the hostellers were from Canada.

Essay Contest Winners

Schools submitting the best essay in each class, in the Alberta Tuberculosis Association's contest, were Elk Point High School (12); La Glace High School (11); Vermilion High School (10); University High School, Edmonton (9); Thibeault R.C. Public School, Morinville (8); East Coulee School (7); and Keg River, Eckville and South Edmonton one-roomed schools. They will divide \$1,500 in prizes between them.

Little Folks' Puzzle



Frank is drawing a picture of the hat his brother will wear for graduation. If you would like to see the drawing, join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number twenty-two. Use your paints or crayons on this picture.

Hungarian Kisses: Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup each butter and sugar, 1 egg, 1 cup flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 tbs. finely shredded cocoanut, and enough milk to make stiff dough. Stone dates, and press a half walnut in each; wrap with dough to make small ball.

Chocolate Peppermint Cakes: Mix cake batter of $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, 2 tbs. cocoa. Bake in shallow pan. Boil 2 tbs. gelatine with

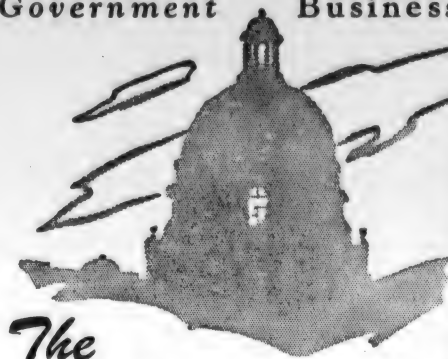
1 cup sugar and 1 cup water 8 minutes; cool, and add 1 cup icing sugar and 6 drops peppermint essence. Spread over cake, and ice with chocolate icing.

Washing Woodwork: A good technique for this job is to wash with the right hand and dry at once with the left, keeping a drying cloth handy in the left hand pocket of your apron.

Squash are well worth a trial in the prairie vegetable garden. They are easily grown (though susceptible to frost) and can be stored for use during most of the winter. Recommended varieties of the small-fruited type are Butternut, Golden Hubbard, Kitchennette, Buttercup, Rainbow, Royal Acorn, Table Queen and Uconn.

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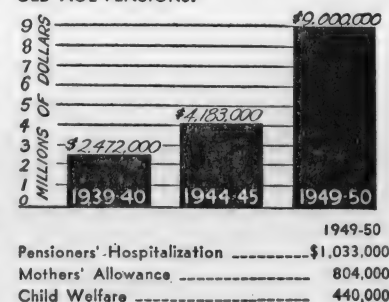
MOTHERS' ALLOWANCES: Aid is provided by this Branch to needy widows, wives of persons committed to a mental hospital, and to women who have been deserted; who have children under the age of 16 years, or under the age of 18 years if attending school and making satisfactory progress. Hospitalization and treatment services for all recipients and dependents are provided by the province free.

CHILD WELFARE: All children who become wards of the Government by Court Order, or by Agreement or Indenture, come under the control of the Child Welfare Commission. It is the policy of the Commission to have such children placed as soon as possible in ap-

proved foster homes, where they may have the advantages of being brought up as members of a family group, thereby giving them the opportunity of later becoming permanent members of the family through legal adoption.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: The council of every municipality is authorized to make provision for the maintenance or partial maintenance of its indigent residents and for their care and treatment when sick.

OLD AGE PENSIONS:



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Minister

A. H. MILLER,
Deputy Minister

Surveys Facilities of Group Farm Families

OTTAWA, Ont. — Farm families in southeastern Saskatchewan had more radios, more automobiles and more telephones than a similar number of families in the city of Regina, according to a survey of "Farm Family Living" carried out by the Dominion Department of Agriculture and just off the press.

Few Homes Modern

Of the 75 farm families studied, only 1 had running water in the house, 5 per cent had mechanical refrigeration, 12 per cent had electric lighting, 12 per cent had a bathtub or shower, and 24 per cent of the homes were equipped with furnaces. Recreation,

Favor Rehabilitation for Disabled Civilians

The public welfare division of the Canadian Welfare Council, meeting in Regina recently, went on record as favoring a program of rehabilitation for disabled civilians for all of Canada. Saskatchewan is now the only Province which is carrying out such a program.

It was indicated, consisted of reading, listening to the radio, working at hobbies, visiting with neighbors, attending social gatherings or meetings of community organizations. Most of the family reading was confined to farm papers and local newspapers, 21 per cent having no books and only 20 per cent 100 or more books.

The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Publicity Dept.
Alberta Wheat Pool

Prairie farmers received welcome news last week with the announcement by Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, of an interim payment of 20 cents a bushel on wheat and barley and 10 cents a bushel on oats. The payment will be made on deliveries during the period August 1, 1950 to January 31, 1951. The initial prices of these grains were advanced by the same amounts, effective February 11.

About \$19,000,000 for Alberta

This interim payment should bring Alberta farmers about \$19 million. It will be welcomed by all grain producers, but particularly by those whose grain was badly damaged by frost and bad weather last fall. Many of these farmers were receiving considerably less than \$1 a bushel for such damaged grain at the country elevator. This payment will help them to meet operating expenses this coming spring. (See also Ottawa Letter).

With the passing of January farmers will be making plans for the coming crop season. Now is the time to arrange for seed supplies. Stocks of registered and certified seed are reasonably good, but farmers would be well advised to place their orders early so as to avoid disappointment. Registered and certified seed is the best seed obtainable anywhere, and the purchase of a few bushels is always a good investment. With the assurance of a substantial interim payment farmers are now in a better position to purchase such seed.

Better Moisture Situation

At this time last year grain producers were concerned over crop prospects because of the extremely dry condition of their land. Prospects this year are much brighter as there was a fairly good supply of moisture in the soil at freeze-up last fall. Many grain producers will be looking for an early spring, so that they can complete their harvesting operations. In a number of districts a good proportion of the crops are still in the fields.

Conditions throughout the winter wheat belt in the United States are uncertain at the present time. Most of this region was extremely dry last autumn, and the production of a good crop will depend on good rains during the coming months. As acreage sown to winter wheat in that region is up considerably from the year before, another huge crop could easily be harvested if favorable weather prevails.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Jan. 31st. — Grade A hogs sold today \$33.50, sows \$19.75, good lambs \$33.25. Good to near choice butcher steers \$30.25 to \$31.50, down to \$26 for common; good to choice butcher heifers \$29 to \$31, down to \$26 for common; good cows \$23.50 to \$24.40, down to \$22 for common; good stocker steers \$30.75 to \$32, down to \$24 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 29th. — Supplies of good to near choice cattle were scarce last week; most of the week's offerings were of the feeder and stocker type. Bulk of medium to good butcher steers sold from \$27.50 to \$29.75; good to choice heifers sold mostly from \$28 to \$29.50; cows were steady with good killers trading from \$23.50 to \$24.50. Stocker and feeder steers sold mostly from \$28.50 to \$29.50; stock heifers sold \$23 to \$25, and stock cows \$20 to \$23. At the close of the week hogs sold \$33 for Grade A, for shipment.

The Dairy Market

There has been no change in dairy prices. Locally, Special cream is 58 cents, No. 1 is 56 and No. 2 42; and off-grade 37. Butter is 58 for prints and 54½ for solids.

Egg and Poultry Market

A further drop of 1 cent brings local prices to producers to 36 per cent for Grade-A large; medium are 34 and pullets 30. Grade A large are 33, medium 31 and pullets 27; Grade B are 27, Grade C 22 and crax 20 cents. Dressed or rail grade chicken, Special, over 5 lbs. 48, 4-5 lbs. 46, under 4 lbs. 42; Grade A, 46 down to 40; Grade B 38 down to 34; Grade C, 28 down to 22. Dressed fowl, A, 36 down to 30; B, 30 down to 25; C, 21 down to 15.

FOR "GOOD CONDUCT"

Among eight top Nazi offenders released in the U.S. zone of Germany for "good conduct" are Friedrich Flick, industrialist, sentenced to seven years for exploiting slave labor in his mines and mills; two former members of Hitler's cabinet, Otto Dietrich and Walter Darre, found guilty of furthering the program that killed 6,000,000 Jews; S.S. General Rudolph Lehmann; Fritz Ter Meer, who plundered plants in occupied countries. Ter Meer remarked: "Now they have Korea on their hands the Americans are a lot more friendly."

British forest lands are being increased by three million acres.

TIME FOR PLAIN SPEECH

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democratic principles, the United Nations, or even collective security, but to the United States. For five years, the argument runs, American aid has shored up Europe's unstable economies while American atomic supremacy has provided external security for the West. The reward for such disinterested help (or so it undoubtedly seems to many Americans) is a marked reluctance on the part of its beneficiaries to rally around Old Glory in the hour of crisis. There is genuine astonishment and annoyance in this American reaction, which attributes such reluctance to a variety of motives, from base ingratitude to secret sympathy with Communism. Only a short step separates this from Mr. Hoover's doctrine: "A plague on you all — America First."

Servile Ally and Sycophantic Friend
In Congress and the press, the servile ally and the sycophantic friend are daily praised for their courage and intelligence; those who differ publicly with the present drift of American policy are either abused or grossly misrepresented. American relations with Europe, therefore, have become less a frank exchange of opinions about the future policy of the Atlantic alliance than a continual attempt by the United States to conciliate or frighten its associates into a precarious unity.

It is this unequal relationship that endangers the Anglo-American partnership on which our foreign policy has been predicated since Dunkirk. The signs of dissatisfaction and anxiety which Americans rightly detect, both in Britain and on the Continent, do not spring from deep anti-American prejudice. They are the sentiments of sincere and sensible people who fear that their fate is being decided over

CFA CONVENTION

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Ask "Very Substantial Payment"

That the actual proceeds of the sale of wheat under the British-Canadian contract will not provide a satisfactory settlement for the five-year period; but that "they should be supplemented, by a very substantial amount per bushel by the Government of Canada, to recognize the fact that the income of wheat producers for those years was limited by the effects of government policy and procedure" was the effect of a resolution adopted by the Convention.

An Amendment Lost

Prior to the adoption of the resolution, an amendment by Henry Young of Millet and Jack Sutherland of Hanna, urging the Government through the Wheat Board "to provide a final payment which the settlement of the five-year pool to not less than \$2 a bushel, No. 1 Northern, Fort William," was discussed at some length and lost. Its supporters, including A. Hillson of Elnora, said that as the wheat growers alone had received no subsidies, they were entitled to special consideration under the well-known circumstances that existed during the period of the contract in regard to prices outside it.

Conclusion of Western Conference

Among those who took part was President Roy Marler of the A.F.A., who said it was the general conclusion of the Western Agricultural Conference that the C.F.A. when approaching the Ottawa Government in respect to agricultural policies should be able to speak with one voice. The practice was to try to arrive at decisions to which all could agree, as it was felt most could be obtained by a united all-Canadian front. The subject would be argued before the Government, and an effort would be made to obtain every cent possible.

J. H. Wesson believed the resolution agreed upon by the Western Agricultural Conference was a fair compromise; and Ben Plumer also favored acceptance of the compromise resolution, as did Karl Kapler.

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their heads. They do not believe that war is either actual or inevitable, though the New Year presents a gloomy prospect. Nor, if war should come, would their consciences be clear. This country, to say nothing of Europe, would be a house divided against itself if it should enter a devastating conflict with the uneasy thought that peace had been allowed to go by default. . . .

A war against China, provoked by America's Eastern policy, or a war in Europe brought on by the panic rearmament of Germany, would divide Britain, morally and politically, as it has not been divided since the French Revolution.

The task is to face these facts. The British Government is certainly aware of them. . . . As spokesman, in effect, for all the nations of Europe and Asia which stand between the U.S.S.R. and the United States, it alone has the power and prestige to make its voice heard across the Atlantic. A clear and responsible British initiative, which takes account of the real differences that are driving deep wedges between British and U.S. opinion, has become a duty.

The extremists in the U.S., who have managed to secure a growing grip on American policy, do not mince their words. This is our time for plain speech. Honesty and our national security require it.

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PRESIDENT OF C.F.A. APPLIES STORY OF ANT AND CRICKET

Program Seeks End of All Possible Risk and Gamble in Farming

Declaring that "extraordinary progress has been made" in moving towards the elimination of as much as possible of "the risk and gamble with which agriculture has been plagued in the past," President Hannam of the C.F.A. called upon Canadian farmers everywhere to compare what had been achieved "in removing the uncertainties of widely fluctuating prices with the insecurity of former years, rather than with temporary gains of some who are outside the program."

"Our enemies, of course," he added, "play up such temporary gains when they have a chance to do so, in the hope that they can undermine the long-term features of this program and have agriculture revert to a so-called open competitive market, with its more lucrative benefits for themselves."

"That our producers have not fallen for such a bait is a tribute to their foresight and strength of purpose. The late Hon. John Oliver once told a producers' meeting, among whom were many personal friends of his own, that the trouble with some of them was that they held a nickel so close to their eyes they couldn't see a dollar bill a few yards away. Had that charge applied to a majority of Canadian producers we could not have built either our large co-operatives or our present farm program."

"To look ahead and support a program depending upon long

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F.U.A. Board Meets

Commencing on Tuesday of this week in Edmonton, an important meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmers' Union of Alberta is in session as we go to press.

term benefits requires a standard of intelligence higher than that which prompts one to grab all he can get from time to time and let the future take care of itself.

Lesson of Ant and Cricket

"The lesson of the ant and the cricket is still good. When, as winter set in, approached by the cricket begging a morsel to eat, the ant asked, 'Did you lay nothing by when the weather was warm?' Said the cricket, 'Not I. My heart was so light that I sang day and night for all nature was gay.' 'Go then,' said the ant, 'and dance winter away.'"

While the roving gypsies do have a certain freedom which most of us cannot have because future security means a better kind of freedom to us — and for those whom we love and are dependent upon us — the longer term view is part and parcel of a higher intelligence and it will win out in the end. There are bound to be difficulties of trial and error, because it is pioneering in the economic field. That the policy is fundamentally sound and right there can be no doubt.

"Through advisory boards, through our national Agricultural Advisory Committee, through consultation on price support measures and on advance sale agreements, through participation in the annual Dominion-Provincial Agriculture Conference, and through regular contact—almost daily contact—with Ministers and senior officials of Federal and Provincial departments, our farmers are helping to determine the policies and legislation and market connections which govern their industry in a manner scarcely dreamed of 15 years ago."

Massey - Harris Sales Record in Fiscal Year

The greatest year in the history of Massey-Harris Company ended on October 31st last. Record sales of over \$164 millions and net earnings of \$17.5 millions were reported to the annual meeting held in Toronto last week.

James S. Duncan, chairman and president, reported that the favorable results are due in great degree to the large volume of sales, to the advantage gained on the depreciation of the Canadian dollar, and to more efficient manufacturing facilities.

Continued expansion in the U.S.A. and rapid development in Great Britain were important factors in the new sales record.

As long as the international tension continues, in Mr. Duncan's view, the demand for farm implements will probably be strongly sustained. Shortages of essential raw materials will be the most serious problem. The company's financial position is the strongest in its history.

Clean Seed Keeps Down Unit Production Cost

Keeping down the unit cost of production is the theme of a recent bulletin from Line Elevators' Farm Service, by H. J. Mather, B.Sc. He emphasizes the waste involved in the shipping of about a third of a million tons of weed seeds from Western farms to country and terminal elevators each crop year. Another important point, he says, is that Western farmers market from 200 to 800 cars of smutty grain each year. The use of clean, treated seed is stressed. In many districts there will be a shortage of good seed this year; it is, therefore, doubly important to exercise the utmost care in cleaning and treating home grown seed stocks. Mr. Mather concludes: "Efficient, timely cultivation, the use of 2,4-D for the control of susceptible weeds, and care in the operation of the combine or thresher to remove weed seeds from threshed grain are measures advised."

THE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITY

Membership in the Alberta Wheat Pool is both a privilege and a responsibility. The organization is founded on purely co-operative principles which means that all members must do their share if the utmost success is to be achieved.

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ALBERTA POOL ELEVATORS

Whole Dairy Industry to Be Under Review at Convention in Calgary

The whole dairy industry, from the breeding of dairy cattle, control of diseases, feeding, and production of milk and butter, right through to the sale of the final product, will be under review at the thirtieth annual convention of the Alberta Dairymen's Association, to be held in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, February 14th, 15th and 16th.

Among authorities who will address the meetings will be J. S. Turnbull, Regina, President of the National Dairy Council of Canada; O. S. Longman, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Alberta; O. J. W. Shugg, Director of Pub-

licity for the Dairy Farmers of Canada and C. W. Reynolds of E. W. Reynolds & Co., Advertising Specialist from Toronto; B. J. McBain, supervisor of the Dairy Cost Study of the Provincial Government; Dr. E. E. Ballantyne, Alberta Director of Veterinary Services; Dairy Commissioner E. H. McCallum; Dr. C. A. Iverson of Iowa State College; as well as A. H. White, W. C. Cameron and other officials of the Ottawa Department of Agriculture.

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Hello, Folks!

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, isn't very good at figures. Nope, she's only just discovered that you can't divide 1951 by four without a remainder. It's kinda tough, sez she, but that makes Knotty Frankie safe for another year at least.

A Los Angeles motorist, charged with drunken driving, explained to court that he had drunk a quart of wine because four men had forced him to drink it at the point of a gun. That's not surprising, chuckles the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, considering the quality of some of the stuff they sell these days.

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Nothing would be what it seems.
Keep them, for they're more than gold;
They'll be more precious when you're old.

Apparently a lot of our contributors haven't yet got over the effects of the festive season. Ponoka, Edmonton, Calgary, Castor and Chinook, please note. The MUSE may be as fickle in 1951 as ever she was, but she still expects to be wooed.

According to Tim Marks, who can pick a Rib at any time, "Some women grow old before their time trying to look young after their time."

THIS IS TERRIBLE

Once upon a time, says our Office Cynic, a hard working gal had a heck of a time keeping the wolf from the door. Nowadays, he snorts, she expects to meet him on the street every night.

It's still quite a way to April First, but, says the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, if we believe what we read in the papers, a lot of folks ain't waiting till then.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?

Cold cash is what helps you to keep warm.

Oh yes, and that reminds Nan of Nanton, that a lot of guys who did a great deal of SPOONING during the holidays will start FORKING over when June rolls around.

Wally, our incurable bach., warns all young fellows that puppy love often leads to a dog's life.

In Albuquerque, when an applicant was refused a \$300 loan, he pulled out a pistol and robbed the Central Finance Co. of \$378. We understand the odd \$78 was for interest on the loan.

OH, MARGIE REANI

Ballad singer Ed McCurdy didn't make any friends among the farmers recently, when he cancelled a tentative date to sing for a dairy convention. Program commitments the Dairymen could understand, but the cruelest blow was the fact that he cancelled the date in order to catch a plane for Newfoundland to sing for a MARGARINE outfit. However, there is no truth in the report that Brother Martin of the Central Alberta

Dairy Pool has sent McCurdy a telegram of congratulation.

On the contrary, out Red Deer way, we are told that Ballad Singer McCurdy's warbling would make even the cows Moosic!

Personally, notwithstanding Ed's preference for that Newfoundland outfit, we can't see that margarine is anything to make a song about — let alone a ballad. Or can we?

According to a newspaper report: "Said a top Canadian official recently: 'Canada will be a 49th state (of the U.S.) as far as war production is concerned.' That TOP Canadian official will be at the BOTTOM of his class long before Canada is a 49th American state for any purpose. And he'd better not forget it."

It was the first time he had ever appeared in court on any kind of a charge, the Easterner said, as he pleaded guilty to getting drunk "with an explanation." — From a Calgary Police Court Report.

Well, we've heard of getting drunk with a friend, but we should really like to know how you can get drunk with an explanation.

PEACE HATH HER CASUALTIES

United States traffic deaths for the first nine months of 1950 totalled 24,580 — or 90 every 24 hours. Almost seems a waste of time and money for the U.S. to go to war.

Toronto is no longer "Toronto the Good." So says the United Church Observer, latest issue of which was handed to the Commissioners of the General Council of the United Church of Canada. It is now, of course, "Toronto the Good for Nothing."

LET THAT BE A WARNING TO YOU!

Top Movies in U.K.

The three movies that scored the biggest box office success in the U.K. in 1950 were "The Blue Lamp", a British semi-documentary about London's metropolitan police; Disney's "Treasure Island", and "Annie Get Your Gun", in that order. Six of the top films were British and six American. They were, in addition to those named above, "The Happiest Days of Your Life", "Morning Departure", "Odette", "They Were Not Divided" and "The Wooden Horse", all British; and "Fancy Pants", "Father of the Bride", "Jolson Sings Again" and "Three Came Back" (American).

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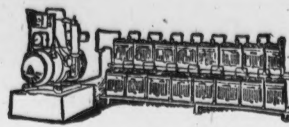
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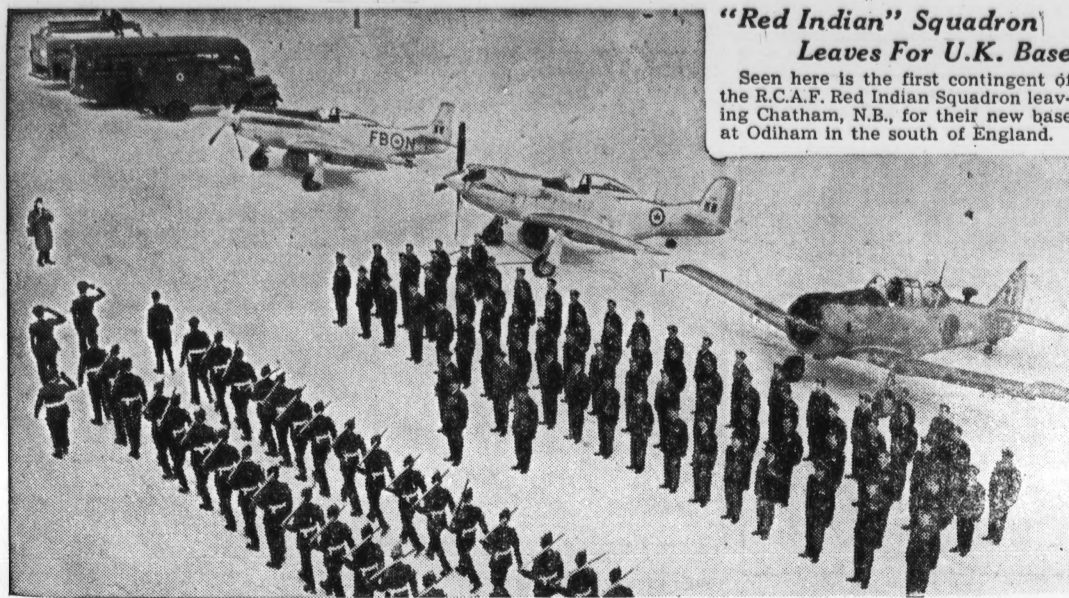
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